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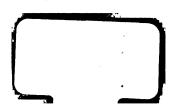
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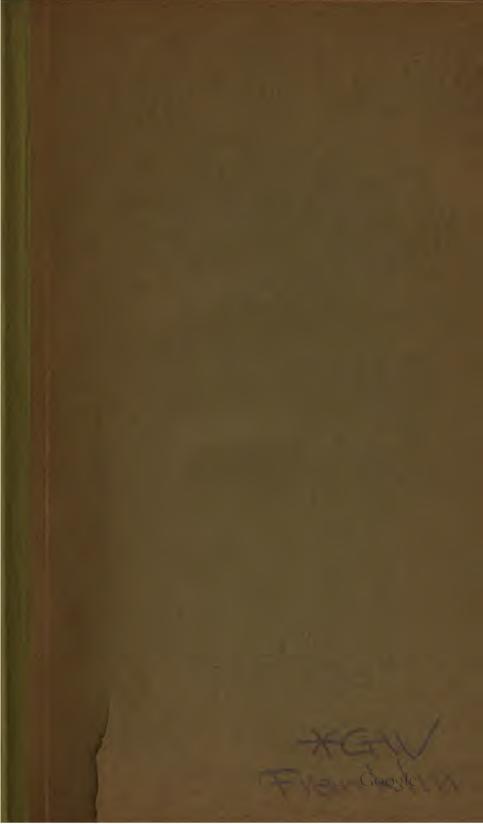
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APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.

ADOPTED MAY 22d, 1857.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE

This Association shall be known by the name of The Franklin Institute of Syracuse.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be the establishment and maintenance, in the City of Syracuse, of a Library, Reading Room, Debating Society, and Literary and Scientific Lectures; the promotion and encouragement of Mannfactures and the Mechanic and Useful Arts; the formation of a Cabinet of Minerals and Models; holding Fairs at suitable times and offering Premiums ea objects deemed worthy of encouragement; and other means of promoting moral and intellectual improvement.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Institute shall be a President, a First and Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and eleven Associate Directors.

§ 2. No person under the age of 21 years shall be eligible to office.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION.

SECTION 1. The election of officers shall be held annually on the Wednesday next succeeding the first day of April; but if no election shall take place on that day, the existing officers shall continue in office until a new election be held.

- § 2. At least three days notice shall be given, through two or more of the daily city papers, of the time and place of the annual election.
- § 3. All election of officers shall be by ballot; and a plurality of the votes cast shall be sufficient for such an election.
- § 4. Life Members, Honorary Members, and all regular members, not in arrears for dues or fines, shall be entitled to vote for officers.

ARTICLE V.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside and preserve order at all meetings of the Institute and of the Board of Directors; and in case of an equal division on any question, to give the casting vote, unless he shall have already voted on the same question. He shall call special meetings of the Institute when requested to do so by any five members of the Board of Directors or fifteen members of the Institute. In case of the absence of the President or his inability to act, the Vice Presidents in their order shall perform the duties of the office; and in case of their absence or inability, the Board shall appoint a President pro tempore, except when such is needed for a meeting of the Institute, in which case the choice shall be made by the members of such meeting viva voce.

ARTICLE VI.

SECRETARIES.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a Record of the proceedings of the Institute and Board of Directors, to give notice of all meetings and, to draw all orders on the Treasurer as directed by the Board of Directors.

- § 2. He shall give notice to every Committee of their appointment, through their chairman, and transmit to him all documents relative thereto within ten days after their appointment. He shall also keep a roll of the members of the Institute.
- § 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to answer all letters addressed to the Institute; to open and maintain all such correspondence as may tend to advance its interests; and to keep a memorandum of all letters written

and a file of all letters received by him, subject to a call of the Board of Directors. He shall also notify all Honorary or Corresponding members of their election.

ARTICLE VII.

TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all sums due the Institute and all donations in money made for its benefit. He shall pay out no money except on written vouchers from the Board of Directors, which shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary, and shall express on their face the object of the appropriation. He shall keep an account of all his receipts and disbursements, and report the same to the Board of Directors at least once a quarter. He shall also prepare an annual report to be presented together with the vouchers accompanying the same, at the annual meeting of the Institute. The Treasurer shall give from time to time such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board of Directors may require.

ARTICLE VIII.

DIRECTORS.

- SECTION 1. All the officers of the Institute shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors.
- § 2. At least nine members of said Board of Directors shall be practical mechanics; and three members thereof shall be acting members of the Debating Society connected with the Institute, provided such Debating Society shall exist.
- § 3. All the various concerns and objects of the Institute shall be confided to the Board of Directors, with authority to devise and execute all measures which may promote and advance its interests, or be necessary to carry out its objects.
- § 4. They shall have power to fill vacancies in their Board from among the members of the Institute.
 - § 5. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of nine members.
- § 6. If any member of the Board of Directors shall be absent from two successive meetings of the Board, without absence from the city, sickness or other reasonable excuse, (communicated to the President as soon as may be,) it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to enclose to the said member a copy of this law, and request him in the name of the Board to attend its meetings or resign his office as a member of the Board. If he shall still neglect to attend, the Board may declare his seat vacant, and proceed to elect another in his place.

ARTICLE IX.

COMMITTERS

- SECTION 1. The following Standing Committees, to consist of not less than three members each, shall be appointed by the President as soon as practicable after his election:
 - 1. Finance.
 - 2. Library
 - 3. Lectures.
 - 4. Donations and Subscriptions.
 - 5. Rooms and Fixtures.
 - 6. Periodicals and Newspapers.
 - 7. Models and Apparatus.
 - 8. Debating Society.
 - 9. Premiums and Exhibitions.
 - 10. Printing.
 - 11. By-Laws and Rules.
- § 2. These Committees shall perform such duties as are necessarily incident to the purpose of their appointment, and such as may be required by the Board.
- § 3. The Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and signed by a majority of the members thereof.
- § 4. Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially ordered.

ARTICLE X.

WEMBERSHIP.

- SECTION 1. Any person of the age of 14 years or upward, may, by vote of the Board of Directors, become a member of the Institute.
- § 2. Every person so becoming a member of the Institute shall pay an entrance fee of One Dollar, and a semi-annual fee of One Dollar on each first day of April and first day of October.
- § 8. No person shall be entitled to the privilege of membership who shall not first present a certificate from the Treasurer of the Institute, showing that his admission fee has been fully paid.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at a meeting of the members of the Institute by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that one week's public notice in two or more of the city daily newspapers shall be given of the time and place of the meeting, and of the object of the same.

BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE had its origin in the Syracuse Library and Reading Room Association. Previous to this latter, and about the year 1880, a Lyceum for debates was formed in the schoolroom of Mr. Ambrose Kasson. Another similar Association of young men was afterwards conducted in the schoolroom of Messrs. Clark & Green, in the old Onondaga House. It was no part of the object of these Lyceums to form a public Library or Reading Room. The first movement for this purpose was in 1837. On the first of November in that year, the citizens of Syracuse were invited to meet in the Session Room of the Presbyterian Church, to deliberate on the formation of a public Library. The call for this meeting was signed by E. B. Wicks, T. T. Davis, E. L. Phillips, C. B. Hargin, V. Cook, John W. Adams, Geo. Hooker, Oliver Teall, Lyman Clary, Daniel Dana, J. J. Wood, W. A. Cook, D. Bingham, P. D. Mickles, J. Wilkinson, H. W. Van Buren, J. G. Forbes, M. D. Burnet, Wm. Jackson, Wm. I. Dodge, M. S. Marsh, S. W. Cadwell, T. A. Smith, H. Putnam, G. S. Fitch, S. Wilkins. At this meeting a committee was appointed to prepare a plan of organization. At a subsequent meeting, on the 13th, a Constitution was adopted, and on the 15th the following were chosen as the first officers of "The Library and Reading Room Association of the village of Syracuse," viz:

HARVEY BALDWIN, Esq., President.

JOHN G. FORBES, Esq., Vice President.

H. W. VAN BUREN, Treasurer and Librarian.

G. F. COMSTOCK, Esq., Secretary.

And the following Trustees: Rev. J. W. Adams, Rev. C. M. Butler, and Messrs. L. Clary, E. F. Wallace, Daniel Dana, Stephen Smith, V. Cook, H. Davis, Jr., and C. A. Wheaton.

Funds were liberally subscribed, and the Trustees Immediately directed *eight* hundred dollars to be expended in books and periodicals. A Reading Room was opened; a Cabinet of Minerals was presented; and for several years a course of Lectures was had in each winter season. When, in 1743, District School Libraries were established, and the country was flooded with *cheap* books, the previous interest in the Library and Reading Room of the Association flagged, debts accumulated, and at length, in the fall of 1845, all its operations were suspended, and the stockholders, by neglect to pay their annual dues, finally forfeited their rights.

In this state of things, an effort was made in 1849 to organize a new Association; and the Executive Board of the old Society, having signified their assent to a transfer of its property to a new one, on condition of paying its debts the Franklin Institute was accordingly organized in December, 1849.

It having been found impracticable to obtain a special charter from the Legislature, the Board of Directors proceeded to incorporate themselves under the general law of the State.

The property of the Library and Reading Room Association, which came into possession of the Franklin Institute, was as follows:

Eight hundred and seventy-one volumes of books, estimated to be worth not less than four hundred dollars.

A Cabinet of about four hundred and fifty Mineralogical, Conchological and Geological specimens, which, with its case, must not have cost less than one hundred dollars.

To the above books, 755 volumes were added by purchase and donations,—and in 1851 the Library of the Institute numbered 1626 volumes.

From 1851 to 1857 additions have been made yearly, and the Library now numbers 2700 volumes.

In 1855 the Institute removed to its present elegant, commodious and centrally-located rooms, in the Marble Block, on South Salina Street.

In the Spring of 1857, a consolidation was effected between the Institute and the Mechanics' Association, on terms equally advantageous to both Societies; and the consolidated Association, still retaining the name of the Franklin Institute, seems now placed upon a sure foundation.

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